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In re Application of:

Claude NÉGRIER et al.

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For: MODIFIED FACTOR VIII cDNA

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002 (Paper No. 8),  
please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Please replace the abstract, lines 1 through 5, with the following:

--A modified Factor VIII cDNA is described in which the B-domain of the  
wild-type Factor VIII cDNA has been deleted and a truncated Factor IX intron has  
been inserted in one or more locations of the Factor VIII cDNA. Such modified  
Factor VIII cDNA may be used for a higher yield production of Factor VIII in vitro  
as well as in a transfer vector for gene therapy.--

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